



**Together with Christ we
love, live & learn.**

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Dear Parents & Carers,

Friday 28th November 2025

Reflection on the start of Advent

As we begin Advent, we enter a season of gentle *waiting*, *watching* and *preparing*. In school, we help the children notice this special time; slowing down a little, looking for moments of kindness, and remembering why Advent matters.

At this point in the year, the rush and excitement of Christmas can easily sweep children along. Everywhere they look, the focus is on presents, decorations and getting more. Advent offers a different message: the quiet hope of a tiny baby who came to bring light into the world.

We want our pupils to know that Christmas is not just about what we receive, but about God's love coming close to us in the person of Jesus.

As the angels proclaimed on the first Christmas night:

“Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy... Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.” (Luke 2:10-11)

As a school community, may we prepare together for the coming of Christ.



Reverse Advent Calendar - Giving Back This Advent

As we begin Advent, we invite all families to take part in our **Reverse Advent Calendar** initiative. While many Advent calendars focus on receiving something each day, this simple project helps our children experience the joy of *giving*.

The initiative will run for two weeks: Week commencing 1st December & Week commencing 8th December.

If you are able, please send in an item on any day during these weeks.

Suggested donations include:

- Tinned goods
- Christmas treats (e.g., chocolates, mince pies)
- Rice or pasta
- Tea or coffee
- Toiletries (shampoo, shower gel, toothpaste, sanitary products)
- New small toys
- New gloves or new socks

All donations will support Father Hudson's Caritas and Oscott Academy Special School, who will be deeply grateful for your generosity. Thank you in advance for helping us share the true spirit of Advent.

Wednesday Word

Please follow the link below to enjoy this week's Gospel as a family:

[Click HERE for the Wednesday Word](#)

Guitar Concert

Parents of all pupils in Year 4, and any pupils in Years 5 and 6 who learn the guitar through school, are invited to a guitar concert in the school hall on **Thursday 11th December at 4:15pm**. There is no need to pick up your child after school, as they will stay for a short rehearsal before the performance.

We are looking forward to sharing what the pupils have been learning and practising this term. Please email [enquiry@...](mailto:enquiry@stnicholassutton.org.uk) by **Friday 28th November** if your child is unable to participate.



Nativity 2025 - A King is Born! - 16/12 and 17/12 at 9.15am

Rehearsals are now in full swing for this year's Nativity, *A King is Born*. Miss Smith has sent an MCAS message this week to all parents and carers of pupils in EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2, which includes a link to a Google Form. **Please complete this form to indicate how you would like to use your four allocated seats. These places are per family (not per pupil), and you may divide them between the two performances if that is more convenient. There is no need to book tickets, your allocation is automatic.**

Although we do not designate a specific performance for pre-school children, we kindly ask that you are mindful of the children performing on stage. If a younger child becomes unsettled or noisy, we would appreciate you stepping out of the hall briefly to allow them to calm before returning.

Please note that there is no on-site parking available for either performance. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

We are very much looking forward to being guided through the story of Jesus' birth by our wonderful EYFS and Key Stage 1 pupils.



EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 Theatre Trip - Wednesday 3rd December

Our pupils in EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 will be visiting the Midlands Arts Centre (B12 9QH) on Wednesday 3rd December to watch *The Owl Who Came for Christmas*.

Children will eat their lunch slightly earlier than usual and will leave school by coach at approximately 11.45am. Please ensure your child wears full school uniform (even if it is normally a PE day), brings a coat and has a water bottle. No snacks are needed, as pupils will be fully fed from their early lunch.

The coaches are scheduled to leave the MAC at around 2.15pm, so we expect to return to school in good time for a normal end to the day. If there are any delays due to traffic, we will keep you informed via MCAS.

We are very much looking forward to a wonderful festive outing with the children.

The Feast of St Nicholas

On Friday 5th December, we will be celebrating the Feast Day of our patronal saint, St Nicholas (normally marked on 6th December, which falls on a Saturday this year). To honour St Nicholas, everyone is invited to wear something red, the colour traditionally associated with him.

This is *not* a non-uniform day, but children may add a red item such as a jumper, tights, socks, or even something small like red hair accessories.

Thank you for helping us mark this special day.

To celebrate the feast day of our patronal saint, the whole school will attend Mass at 9.15am in church. You are more than welcome to join us.



PFA Christmas Fair

🎄 PFA Christmas Fair - Saturday 6th December, 2-4pm 🎄

Join us for a festive afternoon fun for the whole family! Enjoy games, grab last-minute presents, and try your luck at winning some prizes. Don't miss out!

Tickets for the fair can be bought here...

[PFA Christmas Fair Saturday 6th December Link to Buy Tickets](#)

Apologies, no parking is available for this event. Please do not use the parish car park, as the QR code for permits will not be available and tickets may be issued. Kindly arrange off-site parking. Thank you.

Gifts from God Assemblies

Please note that the final 'Gifts from God' assembly of the Autumn Term will be on:

Friday 12th December @ 2.45pm.



Attendance

Let's see which class had the highest attendance this week...

Year group	Attendance for w/c 24/11/25
EYFS	97.33%
Year 1	96.21%
Year 2	98.67% Winners!
Year 3	95.33%
Year 4	93.33%
Year 5	98%
Year 6	96.67%
Well done to this week's winners...Year 2! You can negotiate your prize with Mrs Rehman next week!	

Dates for the diary

Please continue to check this section frequently as it is subject to change.

Week commencing Monday 1st December	Reverse Advent Calendar Week 1/2 - collection for Father Hudson's Caritas
Wednesday 3rd December	EYFS & KS1 trip to MAC theatre to see 'The Owl who came for Christmas'.
Friday 5th December	Celebration Day for the Feast of St Nicholas - all pupils invited to wear red for our patron saint (no charge) Whole school Mass in the church at 9.15am - ALL ARE WELCOME
Saturday 6th December	PFA Christmas Fair - 2pm to 4pm
Week commencing Monday 8th December	Reverse Advent Calendar Week 2/2 - collection for Father Hudson's Caritas
Thursday 11th December	KS2 to Sutton Coldfield Town Hall to see 'Beauty and the Beast'
Thursday 11th December	Guitar Concert @ 4.15pm - all of Year 4 plus those who have continued in Year 5 & 6.
Friday 12th December	Gifts from God Assembly - 2.45pm

Monday 15th December	6pm - KS2 Advent Service / Carol Concert in the school hall PARKING ON THE KS2 PLAYGROUND OR OFF SITE (Event subject to enough KS2 pupils signing up to attend)
Tuesday 16th December	EYFS & KS1 Nativity Play performance @ 9.15am PARKING OFF SITE
Wednesday 17th December	EYFS & KS1 Nativity Play performance @ 9.15am PARKING OFF SITE
Thursday 18th December	Christmas Jumper Day - £1 towards Father Hudson's Caritas
Friday 19th December	End of the Autumn Term - school breaks up for Christmas
Christmas Holidays School Closed W/c 22/12/25 & W/c 29/12/25	
Monday 5th January 2026	INSET DAY - school closed to children
Tuesday 6th January 2026	INSET DAY - school closed to children
Wednesday 7th January 2026	First day of the Spring Term for all children
Friday 22nd May 2026	Sacrament of Confirmation Mass @ 7pm in church

Remaining INSET Days - Academic Year 2025/26

Monday 5/1/26

Tuesday 6/1/26

Monday 13/4/26 ** NEW DATE - FINAL INSET TO BE DECLARED **

Friday 3/7/26

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